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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: EXTENSION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT

1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY RESPONDED TO DEPARTMENT NOTE OF  
APRIL 1 WITH FOLLOWING NOTE DATED APRIL 21. DEPARTMENT  
HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THIS NOTE.

BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF YUGOSLAVIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE AND, REFERRING TO ITS NOTE OF APRIL 1, 1977, HAS  
THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE FOLLOWING:

DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN "JUGOSLOVENSKI AERO-  
TRANSPORT (JAT)" AND THE PAN AMERICAN COMPANY HELD IN  
NEW YORK ON MARCH 14, 1977, THE NATIONAL AIRLINES OF THE  
TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO RECOMMEND THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHOR-  
ITIES TO EXTEND AND AMEND PARAGRAPHS 3A AND 3B OF THE  
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PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF MAY 14, 1976, BY ADDING THE  
WORDS "AND/OR LONDON" AFTER THE WORD "FRANKFURT", AS AN  
ADDITIONAL POINT BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ENABLING  
THE TWO AIRLINES SALE OF AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR DINARS,

DIRECTLY OR THROUGH SALES AGENTS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT AGREEMENT, "JUGOSLOVENSKI AEROTRANSPORT (JAT)" HAS RECOMMENDED THE COMPETENT CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO INCLUDE "AND/OR LONDON" IN THE PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF MAY 14, 1976. HOWEVER, THIS RECOMMENDATION DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE EXISTING REGULATION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, AND, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT.

AT THE SAME TIME THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF "JUGOSLOVENSKI AEROTRANSPORT (JAT)" CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF EXISTING REGULATIONS HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

HAVING IN MIND THE DESIRE TO PROMOTE THE SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THE ESTABLISHED SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD, THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS OF THE NATIONAL AIRLINES OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND MAKE EFFORTS TO FIND THE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION FOR BOTH PARTIES WITHIN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, 1977.

THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.  
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WASHINGTON, APRIL 21, 1977 END TEXT

2. YUGOSLAV RESPONSE FAILS TO ADDRESS CENTRAL POINT IN OUR NOTE, I.E., THE EXTENSION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. APPROVAL JAT'S FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE CAB AND SENT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS CONCURRENCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON. JAT'S PERMIT WILL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS FROM ISSUANCE OR UNTIL DATE AGREED BY USG AND THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ( WE PROPOSED MARCH 31, 1978). THERE IS NO DANGER OF JAT BEING WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO FLY TO THE US SINCE A TIMELY APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL BEFORE THE 60 DAY PERIOD IS UP WOULD ALLOW JAT TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT WHILE THE CAB CONSIDERS RENEWAL APPLICATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME INCONVENIENCE FOR JAT IN GOING THROUGH EVEN AN ABBREVIATED CAB PROCEDURE.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER TO INCLUDE LONDON IN EXTENSION

OF INTERIM AGREEMENT AND THUS HAVE PRECEDENT FOR DISCUSSIONS IN SEPTEMBER. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER IT IS WORTHWHILE TO DELAY RESPONDING TO YUGOSLAV NOTE, THEREBY LETTING "60 DAY DEADLINE" APPROACH, OR, TO ACCEPT YUGOSLAV POSITION THAT IT IS UNABLE, FOR BUREAUCRATIC REASONS, TO AMEND THE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE DELAY.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON ABOVE, PARTICULARLY WHETHER ALLEGED YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT DIFFICULTIES IN AMENDING AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE LONDON ARE VALID.

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